

Office of the Collector of Customs

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It is claimed by the importers that the pattern piece in question is one of those struck at the Philadelphia Mint and sold or exchanged by the Superintendent thereof for other collections to add to the cabinet of the Mint.

I will thank you to inform this office whether the facts stated by the importers are correct as to this particular piece, which you will please return with your report.

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J. L. Erney
Special Deputy Collector.

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Custom-House, Collector's Office

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J. J. Cully

Deputy Collector

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about a two and half
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